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Fulbright Hits Press Reports Of Speeches

Central Idea in Talks Sometimes Ignored, Senator Declares

United Press International

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said yesterday that the press sometimes ignores the central idea of his speeches and plunges him into a controversy over a minor observation.

Fulbright said the press has a responsibility to make some reference to the major theme of a Senator's speech if not to actually summarize the contents.

"So frequently have some major newspapers neglected to do these things that I am beginning to despair of having my ideas accurately conveyed through the press.

"I sometimes find after making a speech that my central point or idea has been ignored and, instead of a dialogue developing around some policy suggestion, I find myself embroiled in a silly controversy over some minor observation which would as well have been left out of the speech."

In a speech to the National Press Club, Fulbright tem-

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pered his criticism when he said his only important complaint about the press is the failure sometimes to convey the essence of messages and not just the parts that lend themselves to controversy.

Fulbright said ". . . I hope I have made it clear that my complaint has to do with what is emphasized not what is criticized."

The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he regretted some of the things he said in recent speeches "not because of the meaning I attached to them but because they lent themselves to interpretations I did not intend."

He said his speech on the "arrogance of power" was not about the arrogance of any individuals who hold power "but about the tendency of powerful nations, of which the United States is the current example, to get puffed up about all the terrific things they think they ought to be doing with their power."

Similarly, Fulbright said, he was not setting himself up as an authority on the morals and recreational activities of American soldiers when he talked about Saigon being a brothel.

"What I was referring to was the inevitable impact on a fragile Asian society of Western soldiers of different culture, background, and race, with plenty of money to spend, behaving in a way that is to be expected of men at war, men whose daily lives are filled with hardship and the dangers of death."

New Town to Get Quake Survivors

Reuters

MOSCOW, May 17—Earthquake-stricken Tashkent in Soviet central Asia will have a new satellite town to house some 150,000 persons, Pravda reported today.

Observers here believed that many of the 100,000 persons made homeless after two major tremors hit Tashkent will eventually be housed in the new town.

The first quake hit Tashkent April 26 and was followed by another two weeks later.

American Ballet To Tour Russia

United Press International

The American Ballet Theater will be the first group to go to Russia under the new 1966-1967 U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange agreement. The troupe will make a six-week tour beginning June 15.

The State Department said Monday the troupe would present 31 performances, beginning in Moscow and including stops at Leningrad, Kiev, Minsk and Kharkhov. The Bolshoi Ballet, the first Russia presentation under the new contract, already is touring the United States.